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APPROVALOF THE CLOSURE REPORT FOR TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 769, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Newton:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated June 4, 2003, prepared by Shaw Environmental Inc. and the response to our December 14, 2004 letter. The closure report summarizes the results of additional soil samples collected at TAA 769 in April 2003. The report was submitted in response to DTSC's request for closure strategy regarding closure requirements. Six confirmation samples were collected from three hand auger boring locations at 18 and 36 inches below ground surface (bgs). The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) in soil using EPA method 8270C and Selected Ion Monitoring (SIM) for selected analytes, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides, and metals.

TAA 769 (also referenced as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 222) is located southeast of structure 175 (water storage tank) in the southwest quadrant of the station and was identified as a temporary hazardous waste storage area (HWSA) during the development of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for El Toro. Former TAA 769 consists of an approximately 17-feet by 12-feet concrete pad, roof, and berm enclosed by a chain link fence.

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DTSC is satisfied that its comments raised in the December 14, 2004 letter have been adequately addressed. Also, we agree with the Navy's recommendation that this unit should be identified as "closed" and suitable for residential uses in the net Base Realignment Closure Business Plan update. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Frank Cheng, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

Sincerely,

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